



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: ) Confirmation No.: 5975  
Hiroyuki OKAMOTO et al )  
I.A. Filing Date: 11/28/2003 ) Art Unit: 3644  
371(c) Date: May 18, 2005 )  
U.S. Appln. No.: 10/535,257 ) Examiner: T.T. Nguyen  
For: AQUARIUM-CLEANING DEVICE )  
UTILIZING FORMED... ) November 6, 2006  
                                  ) ATTY.'S DOCKET: OKAMOTO=13  
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**REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.121**

Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment  
Under 37 CFR 1.121 mailed October 30, 2006, attached please  
find the corrected claim set showing the acceptable status  
identifiers. The changes to the claims and the remarks of the  
main Reply filed August 2, 2006, are respectfully repeated by  
reference.

Applicants note for the record that the rejected  
status identifier "(New and Withdrawn)" is almost identical to  
an acceptable status identifier as set forth in MPEP 714, II  
C, "(E) acceptable alternative status identifiers", number 4,  
which indicates that the status identifier "Withdrawn-New" is

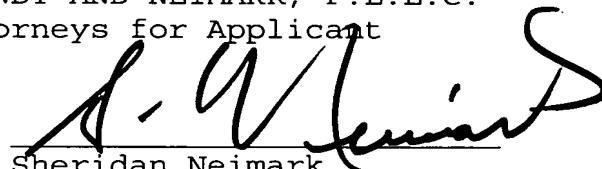
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acceptable. Undersigned respectfully submits that is picayune for the PTO to hold "New and Withdrawn" to be non-compliant, while at the same time approving "Withdrawn-New".

Favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

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Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2006,  
please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.